

Arkansas Insurance Department

Mike Huckabee, Governor

Julie Benafield Bowman, Commissioner

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Insurance Commissioner Speaks on Unhealthy Living and Its High Insurance Costs

WHO:

State Insurance Commissioner Julie Benafield Bowman

WHAT:

National Employee Health and Fitness Day

WHEN:

May 18, 2005

TIME:

12:00 NOON

WHERE:

Arkansas Insurance Department

1200 West Third Street (Corner of Third and Cross)

Little Rock, AR

WHY:

Employees of the Arkansas Insurance Department do their part to

promote healthy living by taking a "stroll" during their lunch break.

This special activity will take place in conjunction with the Governor's

Council on Fitness' sponsorship of "Out For Lunch", which was created

to promote a healthier lifestyle among Arkansans.

State Insurance Commissioner Julie Benafield Bowman will address

how unhealthy lifestyles adversely impact the cost of health and

workers' compensation insurance. Other members of the

insurance industry will also be on hand to address this issue.

The Arkansas Insurance Department is located at 1200 West Third Street (the corner of Third and Cross Streets) in downtown Little Rock. Its primary mission is consumer protection through insurer solvency and market conduct regulation, and fraud prosecution and deterrence.